IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : T. TANAKA et al.

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Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING BROKER

SERVICE TO AUCTIONS

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-145

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 April 23, 2010

Sir:

In further response to the Office Action mailed September 22, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.